



**Preliminary
Minutes
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting
Friday, May 14, 2021
10am
Webinar Due to COVID 19**

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved by the Board

Call to Order

President Reed called the meeting to order at 10:00am and directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll.

1. Roll Call

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following members answered to their names: Tyus, Middlebrook, Evans, Page, Ingrassia, Coatar, Guenther, Vollmer, Martin, Stephens, Schweitzer, Howard, Green, Oldenburg, Pihl, Todd, Davis, Spencer, Muhammad, J. Boyd, Vaccaro, Narayan, S. Hubbard, P. Boyd, S. Hubbard, Navarro and President Reed. **27 members were present. A quorum was established.**

The following members entered the meeting while it was in progress making a total of 29 members present: Mr. Bosley and Mr. Cohn.

2. Prayer

President Reed recognized the Reverend Keenon Peebles of Unity Chapel Church located in the first ward to lead the members in the opening prayer.

Reverend Peebles led the members in prayer.

3. Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day

President Reed recognized Ms. Davis on the motion to adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Ms. Davis moved to adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. J. Boyd and Ms. Howard.

President Reed recognized Ms. Ingrassia on Resolution Number 18.

Ms. Ingrassia asked that Resolution Number 18 be read by the Assistant Clerk.

President Reed reminded Ms. Ingrassia that according to the Board Rules resolutions on the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar are not to be read by the Assistant Clerk however, he will allow it at this time.

President directed the Assistant Clerk to read Resolution Number 18.

The Assistant Clerk read Resolution Number 18 in its entirety.

The following members spoke in support of Resolution Number 18: Ms. Howard, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Spencer and President Reed.

Ms. Navarro moved to place Resolution Number 18 En Banc.

Seconded by Ms. Howard.

President Reed called for the vote to place Resolution Number 18 En Banc.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Reed recognized Ms. Jeanine Arrighi, who was present, to speak in acceptance of the Resolution Number 18.

Ms. Arrighi thanked everyone for the honors and for giving her Resolution Number 18.

President Reed called for the vote to on the motion adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Tyus asked to be added to Resolution Number 17 and 19.

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to add Ms. Tyus to Resolutions Number 17 and 19.

The Assistant Clerk acknowledged.

4. Introduction of Honored Guests

President Reed announced introduction of honored guests.

Mr. Muhammad welcomed Greg Meyer as his honored guest for the day.

Mr. Vollmer stated that today in 1804 Lewis and Clark began their travels throughout the Louisiana territory from St. Louis and that today was “National Chicken Dance Day.”

5. Approval of Minutes

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer on the motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, May 7, 2021 full Board of Aldermen meeting.

Mr. Vollmer moved to approve the minutes of the of the Friday, May 7, 2021 full Board of Aldermen meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Vaccaro.

President Reed called for the vote on the motion to adopt the minutes.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Report of City Officials

a) Report of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen

The following Board Bills from the 2020-2021 Legislative Session were signed by the Mayor and issued an Ordinance Number by the City Register pursuant to law. The list below shows the Bill Number, Name of Sponsor, Effective Date, and Ordinance Number:

Board Bill Number 203

Introduced by Alderwoman Marlene Davis, Alderwoman Tammika Hubbard, Alderman Tom Oldenburg, Alderwoman Pam Boyd, Alderwoman Dwinderlin Evans, Alderman Jeffrey Boyd

An ordinance pertaining to the Central Baptist Church located at 2824 Washington Boulevard (the Property), having as subject matter the designation of the Property as a City of St. Louis Landmark, containing definitions, Landmark Standards and a severability clause.

Effective Date: June 7, 2021

Ordinance Number: 71341

Board Bill Number 209

Introduced by Alderwoman Lisa Middlebrook

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a new Lease Agreement between The City of St. Louis, Missouri (the “City”) and SCF Lewis and Clark Terminals LLC (“SCF”), a Delaware limited liability company, for a period of two (2) years and seven (7) months with one (1) seven (7) year and two (2) five (5) year mutual options for the purpose of parking automobiles and storage and interior receiving, processing, storing and transloading of cargo and/or a warehouse or distribution center for products at 2226 N. 1st Street containing a severability clause.

Effective Date: June 7, 2021

Ordinance Number: 71342

Board Bill Number 222

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman Christine Ingrassia, Alderman Bret Narayan, Alderman Dan Guenther, Alderwoman Annie Rice, Alderman Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman Joseph Roddy, Alderwoman Marlene Davis

The proposed bill will prohibit discrimination in employment and housing decisions including, without limitation hiring, advancement and compensation and discrimination in housing practices based upon an individual

Effective Date: June 7, 2021

Ordinance Number: 71343

Board Bill Number 238

Introduced by Alderwoman Beth Murphy, Pres. Lewis Reed, Alderman Jeffrey Boyd, Alderwoman Marlene Davis, Alderman Tom Oldenburg, Alderman John Coatar, Alderwoman Pam Boyd, Alderwoman Dwinderlin Evans, Alderman Dan Guenther, Alderwoman Christine Ingrassia

The bill amends Ordinance 67119 to prohibit employers and labor organizations from 2 advertising that individuals of a certain age, race, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender 3 identity, national origin, religion or disability are not accepted for employment or membership; 4 and to prohibit landlords from declining rental applicants because they are victims of domestic, 5 dating, or sexual violence, or stalking or construing such violence as a violation or cause for 6 termination of a lease; and to allow landlords to bifurcate leases to remove offenders and allow 7 victims to remain.

Effective Date: June 7, 2021

Ordinance Number: 71344

b.) Office of the Mayor

I return to you herewith, with my disapproval, Board Bill No. 175FS and 217.

*I have the pleasure to submit the following individuals for reappointment to the **Citizens' Service Fund Board**: Ms. Cynthia Crim and Mr. Williams Seidhoff.*

President Reed recognized Ms. Ingrassia on the motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment to the **Citizens' Service Fund Board**.

Ms. Ingrassia moved to approve the Mayor's reappointment to the **Citizens' Service Fund Board**.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

President Reed called for the vote.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

*I have pleasure to submit the following individual for appointment to the **Soulard Special Business District**: Mr. Adam Tilford.*

President Reed recognized Mr. Coatar on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Soulard Business Special District**.

Mr. Coatar moved to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Soulard Special Business District**.

Seconded by Mr. Guenther.

President Reed called for the vote.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

*I have pleasure to submit the following individuals for reappointment to the **Waterman/Lake Special Business District**: Ms. Kimberleigh Fernandez and Harvey Citerman.*

President Reed recognized Ms. Navarro on the motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment to the **Waterman/Lake Special Business District**.

Ms. Navarro moved to adopt the Mayor's reappointments to the **Waterman/Lake Special Business District**.

Seconded by Mr. Boyd and Ms. Green.

President Reed called for the vote.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

c.) Office of the President

None

7. Petitions and Communications

None

8. Board Bills for Perfection, Informal Calendar

None

9. Board Bills for Third Reading, Informal Calendar

Board Bill Number 175

Floor Substitute

Introduced by Alderwoman Christine Ingrassia

An ordinance approving a blighting study and Redevelopment Plan for the 2741 Locust St. Redevelopment Area.

Vetoed by the Mayor in a letter received May 10, 2021.

Board Bill Number 217

Introduced by Alderwoman Marlene Davis

An ordinance approving a Redevelopment Plan dated January 26, 2021 for the 3601-3609 Lindell Blvd. Area.

Vetoed by the Mayor in a letter received May 10, 2021.

10. Resolutions, Informal Calendar

None

11. First Reading of Board Bills

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to the First Reading of Board Bills.

The Assistant Clerk read the following into the record.

Board Bill Number 24

Introduced by Alderman Jesse Todd

An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on May 5, 2021, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map, from the “G” Local Commercial and Office District to the “H” Area Commercial District, in City Block 4575, so as to include the described parcels of land in City Block 4575; and containing an emergency clause.

Board Bill Number 25

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

An ordinance approving a blighting study and Redevelopment Plan for the 5256 Vernon Ave. Redevelopment Area.

Board Bill Number 26

Introduced by Alderman John Collins-Muhammad

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry to develop and operate a Midnight Basketball League in the City of St. Louis, at the recreational centers owned by the City of Saint Louis and operated by the Division of Recreation.

Board Bill Number 27**Introduced by Alderman Joseph Vaccaro**

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizing the Police Commissioner, on behalf of the City of Saint Louis, to enter into and execute a Grant Agreement with the Missouri Office of Crime Victim Services to fund the Protection Program for Witnesses of Violence grant program, appropriating funds therefor, and authorizing the Police Commissioner, or his designees, to enter into contracts and expend the funds, to the extent received; containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

Board Bill Number 28**Introduced by Alderwoman Marlene Davis, Alderwoman Dwinderlin Evans, Alderman Jesse Todd**

An ordinance establishing and creating a Planned Unit Development District for City Blocks 1868.00, 1880.00, & 1881.00 to be known as the "Veterans Community Project Planned Unit Development District" and containing a Severability Clause and an Emergency Clause.

Board Bill Number 29**Introduced by Alderman John Collins-Muhammad**

An ordinance to amend Ordinance 69984 pertaining to the creation of the City of St. Louis' Civilian Oversight Board and its activities, codified in Chapter 3.140 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, to change the name "Civilian Oversight Board" to "Police Conduct Review Commission" and the title "Executive Director" to "Inspector of Police", and to remove the requirement in Section Four paragraph 8 of Ordinance 69984 that Civilian Oversight Board members and staff complete a course of the Civilian Academy before they may assume their duties.

Board Bill Number 30**Introduced by Alderwoman Christine Ingrassia**

An Ordinance authorizing the Department of Health to accept Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") Foundation award funding of Two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2800) through a contract with the National Environmental Health Association ("NEHA") to reimburse DOH for the purpose of supporting food safety program activities, designed to explore involvement in CDC's National Environmental Assessment Reporting System authorizing the expenditure of CDC NEARS grant funds for grant purposes, and to fulfill the obligations of said grant; and containing an emergency clause.

12. Reference to Committee of Board Bills

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to read Reference to Committee.

The Assistant Clerk read the following Reference to Committee.

Convention and Tourism:

None

Education and Youth Matters

None

Engrossment, Rules and Resolutions:

None

Health and Human Services:

Board Bill Number 30

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning:
Board Bill Numbers 24 and 28

Intergovernmental Affairs:
None

Legislation:
None

Neighborhood Development:
Board Bill Number 25

Parks and Environmental Matters:
None

Personnel and Administration:
None

Public Employees:
None

Public Safety:
Board Bill Numbers 26, 27 and 29

Public Utilities:
None

Streets, Traffic and Refuse:
None

Transportation and Commerce:
None

Ways and Means:
None

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to refer Board Bill Number 21 to the Transportation and Commerce Committee.

The Assistant Clerk acknowledged.

13. Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees

Ms. Ingrassia of the Health and Human Services Committee submitted the following report, which was read:

Board of Aldermen Committee Report May 14, 2021

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Health and Human Services Committee, to which the following Board Bills were referred, reports that it has considered the same and recommends adoption of Board Bill Numbers 13 Committee Substitute and 14 Committee Substitute.

Board Bill Number 13

Committee Substitute

Introduced by Alderwoman Ingrassia

An ordinance authorizing the City of St. Louis Department of Health (DOH) to accept a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration known as the Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health Partnership: STL CARES project grant, authorizing the expenditure of grant funds by entering into contracts or otherwise for the grant purposes; and containing an emergency clause.

Board Bill Number 14

Committee Substitute

Introduced by Alderwoman Ingrassia

An Ordinance authorizing the Department of Health to accept COVID-19 response grant assistance, upon approval by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity CARES award of up to \$71,150.00 from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and to fulfill the obligations of said grants; and containing an emergency clause.

14. Report of Special Committees

None

15. Perfection Consent Calendar

None

16. Board Bills for Perfection

None

17. Third Reading Consent Calendar

None

18. Third Reading / Report of Engrossment and Final Passage

None

19. Report of Enrollment Committee

None

20. Courtesy Resolutions Consent Calendar

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 17
HONORING LAWRENCE ROBERT ARNOWITZ**

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that Lawrence “Larry” Robert Arnowitz, former 12th ward alderman, died at his home on May 6, 2021 at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Larry was born on January 2, 1954; and Larry served as member of the United States Marine Corp; and Larry married his wife Philomena Leisure on January 7, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Larry represented the 12th ward of the City of St. Louis from 2011 to 2020; the 12th ward is in south St. Louis encompassing the neighborhoods of Boulevard Heights, Carondelet and Princeton Heights; and

WHEREAS, before representing the 12th ward as alderman, Larry held many jobs in City government including in the treasurer's office, license collector's office, sheriff's office, Board of Public Service's office, city marshal's office, the Department of Personnel and the city comptroller's office; and

WHEREAS, his aldermanic career included chairing the Health and Human Services Committee, where he sponsored many pieces of legislation to help seniors and improve the quality of life in the City; and

WHEREAS, he was a construction worker before joining the 1987 campaign of Tom Villa, former aldermanic president, and later worked as Villa's driver and as manager of the municipal garage; and

WHEREAS. Larry was known for being a strong supporter and advocate for first responders and city employees; Larry was always quick to thank others; and he loved his family and friends, most especially his wife, Philomena, his daughter Traci, his son Anthony and his granddaughter Natalie.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the numerous contributions of Mr. Larry Arnowitz and by adoption of this resolution wish to join in with those celebrating his life. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to the Arnowitz family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 14th day of May, 2021 by:

The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderman 12th Ward

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

The Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward

The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward

The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable James Page, Alderman 5th Ward

The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward

The Honorable John Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward

The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3rd Ward

The Honorable Sarah Martin, Alderwoman 11th Ward

The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13th Ward

The Honorable Megan Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward

The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 24th Ward

The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward

The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward

The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8th Ward

The Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman 28th Ward

The Honorable Tina Pihl, Alderwoman 17th Ward

The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 16th Ward

The Honorable Lisa Middlebrook, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
The Honorable Dwindlerlin Evans, Alderwoman 4th Ward
The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 26th Ward
The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18
HONORING JEANINE ARRIGHI

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention that Ms. Jeanine S. Arrighi, MS, MPPA, retired effective March 26, 2021 after 17 years of faithful service to the City of St. Louis and the Division of Health; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arrighi has served this City with distinction in various responsible positions (including within the Building Division for a time), most notably as Acting Director/Commissioner of Health (July 1, 2018-February 19, 2019) while still serving as Health Services Manager II for Environmental Health Services (Air Pollution, Animal Care & Control, Community Sanitation, Emergency Preparedness, Food & Beverage Control, Vector Control) – a position held since 2014; serving as Program Director for Children’s Environmental Health (CEH) and the Center for Health Information Planning and Research (CHIPR); among so many other initiatives – too numerous to mention without appearing to be a filibuster; and

WHEREAS, during her leadership of the Children’s Environmental Health Lead Safe St. Louis Program, the rate of lead poisoning in our City dropped from 13.6% in 2003 to 2.0% in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jeanine Arrighi has left her positive mark on the Health Department in so many ways beyond management, including serving as a preceptor to 52 undergraduate and graduate students, encouraging them to recognize their divinely-endowed gifts and to follow their passions in their public health work as interns; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service with the City, Jeanine Arrighi was an entrepreneur and teacher in environmental services, and a certified trainer in asbestos and lead-based paint inspection, abatement design and monitoring; and

WHEREAS, over the years Ms. Arrighi has received numerous accolades and awards – many for her work for Lead Safe St. Louis, but also from the Institute for Family Medicine as a Community Champion *for significant and unselfish contributions to improve the well-being of people of limited resources*; 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award from UMSL – Public Policy Administration; and selection by the Brown School at Washington University in 2017 for membership in Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Omega Society – Honorary Society in Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arrighi has two wonderful daughters – Kelsey, a nurse, and Juliana, a software engineer with a medical software company – and a good friend, John, with whom she can now spend two 6 month vacations each year in retirement, enjoying the open country, hiking and traveling in a recreational vehicle, making pottery, singing in choir, and practicing Ignatian Spirituality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that having but scratched the incredible public service patina of Jeanine S. Arrighi we pause in our deliberations to say “thank you for your years of service to the City of St. Louis”, and we wish her peace, health, happiness and God Speed in her retirement. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the Minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to her at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 14th day of May, 2021 by:
The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19
HONORING LEON SPINKS, JR.

WHEREAS, we pause today to note the passing of former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, Jr. and offer condolences to his family; he was called to his reward on February 5th, 2021, in Henderson, Nevada, at age 67; and

WHEREAS, Leon Spinks, Jr. was born in St. Louis, Missouri on July 11th, 1953, the oldest child of Leon and Kay Spinks; Leon grew up in the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Complex, a poor, tough neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Leon Spinks, Jr. was a frail child, suffering from low blood pressure and asthma-he became a target for bullies; at age 13, he joined a gym program created to keep youngsters off the street and began boxing at Capri's Boxing Center on 19th Street, under Coach Jim Merrel; later he trained at 12th and Park with Coach Kenny Loehr; and

WHEREAS, Leon Spinks, Jr. joined the Marines where he took part in their boxing program and thrived as an amateur in bouts leading up to the Montreal Games; he won gold at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and finished his amateur boxing career with a record of 178-7 with 133 knockouts; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1978, at the Las Vegas Hilton, Leon Spinks, Jr., who emerged from the projects, rose to the top of the boxing world with a shocking 15-round, split decision victory over the reigning heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali in one of the last championship bouts to be aired on television; the fight was watched by over 90 million viewers and was the biggest sporting event at that time; and

WHEREAS, after Leon Spinks, Jr. won the title, everybody in the City of St. Louis celebrated! Leon started the beginning of the Spinks family's historic boxing legacy; Leon and Michael Spinks became the first brothers to have held world heavyweight championships and his son, Cory Spinks, a five-time champion, held the undisputed welterweight title and was the IBF junior middleweight champion; and

WHEREAS, Leon will be greatly missed by his wife of twenty-one years, Brenda Glur Spinks; his son Cory Spinks, daughter in law Christy Spinks and their children, both named for their grandpa-- Chloe Leona Spinks and Cory Leon-Michael Spinks; Leon has seventeen grandchildren and was preceded in death by his sons, Leon and Darrell Spinks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that upon learning of the passing of Leon Spinks, Jr. we pause to add our names to the rolls of people grieving his loss, but celebrating his extraordinary life. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to the family of Leon Spinks, Jr. at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 14th day of May, 2021 by:
The Honorable Dwinderlin Evans, Alderwoman 4th Ward
The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward

The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman, 19th Ward
The Honorable John Collins Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward
The Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 26th Ward
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward
The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21
RECOGNIZING MR. MAURICE BENNETT
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PRINCETON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD

WHEREAS, Mr. Maurice Bennett has been a mail carrier with the United States Postal Service for the past 29 years, serving Princeton Heights for the past 21 years; and

WHEREAS, during that time, Mr. Bennett became a staple in the community, known for his infectious smile and pocket full of dog biscuits; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett went above and beyond to serve those on his route, keeping any eye out for suspicious activity, spending generously at lemonade stands, checking in with people regularly, and offering handwritten notes or a knock on the door if anything was amiss; and

WHEREAS, members - both human and canine - of the Princeton Heights neighborhood will never forget his kindness and dedication to excellent customer service; and

WHEREAS, we offer our best wishes in his retirement as well as our sincere gratitude to Mr. Bennett for his 29 years of service as a mail carrier, especially for the time he served Princeton Heights.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Mr. Maurice Bennett for his decades of service to our community. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of May, 2021, by:
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderman 12th Ward
The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22
RECOGNIZING NIKE

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis of the history and various contributions of NIKE to the St. Louis community; and

WHEREAS, for more than 53 years Nike's subsidiary Nike Air Manufacturing Innovation has had a presence in the St. Louis community. Originally incorporated as Tetra Plastics, which was located in Chesterfield, they relocated in 1995 to its current site, Missouri Research Park, in St. Charles and in 1998 was acquired by Nike, Inc. and was then later rebranded as Nike Air Manufacturing Innovation (Air MI); and

WHEREAS, Nike, Converse, and Jordan brands announced its community commitment program in 2020, as major U.S. corporations began to funnel millions, \$140 million over 10 years, to help support economic empowerment and social justice efforts. This followed the widely-viewed death of George Floyd, who died under the knee of a then-Minneapolis police officer. His death set off global protests and forced a national reckoning on systemic racism, and its impact on generational wealth; and

WHEREAS, Nike's Black Community Commitment program granted \$250,000 to four St. Louis-based nonprofit organizations that work toward economic empowerment, education and social justice for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, these organizations include the Riverview West Florissant Development Corporation, which focuses on area improvement and economic development. They will use the funds to support the Corporations' Beautification program and provide summer jobs for youth. It will also support the Baden Enrichment Center, providing a variety of programs and activities that encourage economic development for area youth. The corporation was founded in 1994 to "strengthen and stabilize the city's north corridor which includes 10 neighborhoods and over 40,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the other organizations who will receive grants locally are Urban Golf of Greater St. Louis, Peoples Community Action Corporation, Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center; and

WHEREAS, Nike said it is donating \$1 million to the National Urban League for two targeted efforts. Half will help fund the Urban League's Urban Reentry Jobs Program, which helps formerly incarcerated people find sustained work. The remaining \$500,000 will support the League's "Home is Where the Wealth Is," a campaign that helps expand first-time homeownership opportunities for Black Americans through financial education and coaching.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize NIKE for their service to our community. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of May, 2021, by:
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward
The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

The Courtesy Resolutions Calendar was adopted under Special Order of the Day.

21. First Reading of Resolutions

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20
IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2998 MAKING PUBLIC ALL FEDERAL RECORDS RELATED TO THE
COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (COINTELPRO)

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that Representative Bobby Rush of the first Congressional District of Illinois has introduced H.R. 2998 in United

States House of Representatives to make public all government records related to the operations of the Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) of the United States Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI); and

WHEREAS, the COINTELPRO was initiated by J. Edgar Hoover then the Director of the FBI and operated covertly and illegally from 1956–1971; and

WHEREAS, COINTELPRO was a series of illegal and covert operations, maneuvers and projects conducted by the FBI aimed at surveilling, infiltrating, discrediting, disrupting and destroying domestic American activist and political organizations that Hoover determined were a menace to the “American way of life” of the segregation era; and

WHEREAS, according to federal records so far made public the COINTELPRO targeted a list of groups, individuals and movements to discredit, disrupt and destroy their work for equity and social justice; and

WHEREAS, a partial list of individuals targeted by the COINTELPRO to discredit and disrupt included Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, Dr. Angela Davis, Malcolm X, Fred Hampton and Assata Shakur; and

WHEREAS, a partial list of organizations and movements targeted by the COINTELPRO to discredit and disrupt included the American Indian Movement (AIM), the Anti-Vietnam War Movement, the Black Panthers, the US Organization, the Civil Rights Movement, the Black Power Movement, environmental and animal rights organizations, the Nation of Islam and the Puerto Rican Independence Movement; and

WHEREAS, records made available so far show that the FBI, under the COINTELPRO, used a number of illegal tactics and covertly infiltrated and wire-tapped various organizations and movements, distributed misinformation, provoked in-fighting, caused dissension, disrupted operations and in some cases financed armed groups and individuals to attack others; and

WHEREAS, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover issued directives governing COINTELPRO, ordering FBI agents to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize" the activities of these movements and especially their leaders; and

WHEREAS, the program was secret until 1971, when several FBI dossiers related to it were leaked to the news media which led to a published article by the Washington Post exposing the program and its attacks on civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, additional documents that were revealed in the course of separate lawsuits filed against the FBI by NBC correspondent Carl Stern and others led to the establishment of the 1976 US Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities; and

WHEREAS, the final report of the Select Committee castigated the conduct of the intelligence community in its domestic operations, since the 1920s, including the COINTELPRO. The committee report in part stated:

“The Committee finds that the domestic activities of the intelligence community at times violated specific statutory prohibitions and infringed the constitutional rights of American citizens. The legal questions involved in intelligence programs were often not considered. On other occasions, they were intentionally disregarded in the belief that because the programs served the ‘national security’ the law did not apply. While intelligence officers on occasion failed to disclose to their superiors’ programs

which were illegal or of questionable legality, the Committee finds that the most serious breaches of duty were those of senior officials, who were responsible for controlling intelligence activities and generally failed to assure compliance with the law. Many of the techniques used would be intolerable in a democratic society even if all of the targets had been involved in violent activity, but COINTELPRO went far beyond that ... the Bureau conducted a sophisticated vigilante operation aimed squarely at preventing the exercise of First Amendment rights of speech and association, on the theory that preventing the growth of dangerous groups and the propagation of dangerous ideas would protect the national security and deter violence.”

WHEREAS, H.R. 2998 introduced by Representative Bobby L. Rush, who was a founding member of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panthers, would make public all government records of this illegal FBI operation for public knowledge, review, understanding and discussion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis goes on record in support of H.R. 2998 and urges its passage. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a formal copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 14th day of May, 2021 by:
The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward

President Reed recognized Mr. Muhammad on the motion for Resolution Number 20.

Mr. Muhammad moved that Resolution Number 20 be sent to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Vaccaro.

President Reed called for the vote on the motion to send Resolution Number 20 to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

22. Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions
None

23. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business
None

24. Announcements
President Reed directed the acting Assistant Clerk to Announcements.

The acting Assistant Clerk read the following:

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021
NONE

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021
PUBLIC SAFETY – 10:00 A.M. – WEBINAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

WAYS & MEANS – 9:00 A.M. – WEBINAR

HEALTH – 3:00 P.M. – WEBINAR

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

RULES – 9:00 A.M.

WAYS & MEANS – 1:00 P.M. – WEBINAR

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021

FULL BOARD MEETING – 10:00 A.M. WEBINAR

25. Excused Aldermen

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer on the excused Aldermen motion.

Mr. Vollmer stated that all members were present.

26. Adjournment

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer for the adjournment motion.

Mr. Vollmer moved to adjourn under the rules until Friday, May 21, 2021 at 10am.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.